(b) if so, what has been the progress of this project so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) M/s. Kinetic Honda Motor Ltd., Pune was permitted to set up an assembly plant of 50,000 no. of scooters, in Distt. Meerut (U.P.). The company has reported that it has submitted construction plans of the factory building to the local authorities, approval to which is awaited. The company has, in the meanwhile, started production in a leased/rented shed in Meerut.

Setting up of Public Sector Industrial Units

1189. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) What is the number of public sector industrial units set up in the country during the last three years, Statewise; and

(b) what is the total amount of capital invested in these units, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Eighteen Central Public Sector Enterprises were set up in the Country during the last three years. Statewise break up of Public Sector Undertakings and the investment in terms of gross block made in these public sector undertakings is given as under:

Name of State/Union Territory in which PSUs were set up	No. of PSUs set up	Gross Block (Rs. in crores) As on 31-3-1987
Andhra Pradesh .	1	0.87
Bihar	1	861.03
Delhi . . .	7	1097.28
Gujarat . . .	1	3.61
Madhya Pradesh .	1	599.43
Maharashtra . .	1	70.27
Uttar Pradesh .	2	5.45
West Bengal . .	4	18.84
TOTAL	18	

L.P.G. connections in Uttar Pradesh

1190. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications for cooking gas connections in Uttar Pradesh as on September 30, 1988; and

(b) by when, all the applicants are likely to be granted L.P.G. connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on the 30th September, 1988, there were about 5.88 lakh persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) Release of new LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, including in Uttar Pradesh, in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to augmentation in availability of LPG.

Increase of the wages of Khadi spinners

1191. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of Khadi spineers in the country at the end of 1985, 1986 and 1987, Statewise;

(b) rate of monthly wages paid to these spinners at present and what amount was paid as wages to them during the said period; and

(c) whether Government have a proposal under the consideration for increasing the wages of spinners; if so, by how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The total number of Khadi spinners (Cotton, Muslin, Woollen and Silk) in the country during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 was 11,63,433, 11,88,126 and 11,51,658 respectively. The State-wise break up is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The spinning wages are being paid to the spinners on piece rate basis i.e. per metric hand and not on monthly basis. Rates of wages of spinners are strictly according to the prescribed cost chart. The amount of wages paid to khadi spinners during the last 3 years are as follows:—

Year	Wages paid (Rs. in Lakhs)
1985—86 . .	3,555.71
1986—87 . .	3,847.29
1987—88 . .	3,936.01

(c) The wages of khadi spinners have been increased by 10 per cent w.e.f. 1-7-1988.

Statement

State-wise Number of Khadi Spinners

States and Union Territories	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Andhra Pradesh	22,343	23,003	19,939
Assam	18,971	23,059	26,127
Bihar	184,024	190,266	192,670
Gujarat	38,501	39,987	58,198
Haryana	22,483	22,930	24,051
Himachal Pradesh	5,936	7,078	6,663
Jammu and Kashmir	21,392	23,931	24,792
Karnataka	27,914	29,999	22,505
Kerala	19,993	17,121	11,852
Madhya Pradesh	12,737	13,484	13,593
Maharashtra	7,232	7,306	6,715
Manipur	..	205	..
Meghalaya	..	..	..
North Estern States	544	902	595
Orissa	3,080	2,834	2,967

States and Union Territories	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Punjab	61,909	64,540	66,409
Rajasthan	124,946	130,084	121,850
Sikkim	202	308	224
Tamil Nadu	63,098	61,183	63,190
Tripura	1,141	964	932
Uttar Pradesh	487,809	500,762	463,141
West Bengal	34,048	26,588	24,031
Delhi	4,614	1,041	692
Pondicherry	522	551	522
TOTAL	11,63,433	11,88,126	11,51,658

Criteria and quantum for allotment of Diesel, kerosene oil and petrol to States

1192. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of diesel, kerosene oil and petrol allotted to the States and Union Territories from January 1987 till September 1988 and the comparative figures of the period from January 1985 to December, 1986; and

(b) what criteria are adopted for the allotment of these items to States and Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) There is no system of making allocation as such of diesel and petrol to the States and Union Territories; these products are available on free sale basis and the oil marketing companies have instructions to meet their demands in full as far as possible.

Allocation of Kerosene is made at the growth rates of 7 per cent to 7-1|2 per cent over the allocations made for the corresponding period of the previous year. Besides the regular allocations, *ad hoc* releases are also made to meet situations like floods, drought shortage of LPG, etc.

The allocations of kerosene made to the States and Union Territories during the years 1985 1986, 1987 and 1988 (upto September) are given below:—

Year	Quantity allotted (Tonnes)
1985	60,90,550
1986	64,98,445
1987	70,47,870
1988 (upto Sept.)	54,81,541

Electrification of Villages

1193. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: